

***Liturgy of the Word, Rite Two***  
*(A Service of Ante-Communion)*



***Christ the King Sunday***

*November 22, 2020*



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## Prelude

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Welcome & Announcements

### Opening Words

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### Song of Praise

### *Gloria*

Hymn S 280

### Prayer of the Day

*Celebrant:* God be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*(In unison)* **Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the

Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 95:1-7a** *(to be read responsively by whole verse)*

1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

**2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

3 For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

**4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

5 The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.

**6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in

the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Song**

*All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine*

Hymn 477

## **Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

Rev. Guimond Pierre Louis

## The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin  
Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of  
the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the  
living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the  
giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the  
Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is  
worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and  
apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
**Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

*Leader:* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*A brief silence.*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

*Leader:* For this community, the nation, and the world. For our President Donald, our Governor Ralph and all in authority that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person.

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Leader:* For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

*Leader:* Your church is wide, Lord God. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Church of Bermuda and its Bishop, the Rt. Reverend Nicholas Dill. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the parishes of St. Bartholomew and St. John's in Richmond. For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*Leader:* For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Susan, Jennifer and Porter our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

*Leader:* We pray for all who have died of COVID-19; for the sick and their families; for all who mourn and are afraid. We pray for healthcare workers, researchers and scientists, civic leaders and all whose jobs put them in harm's way during this time. For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

*Leader:* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray for ... Are there others? (Pause)

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

*Leader:* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We pray for those celebrating birthdays; especially ... and those celebrating anniversaries.... Are there others? (Pause)

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Leader:* We pray for all who have died, including..., that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Let us pray for those who have given their lives in service of our country including ...

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

## **Concluding Collect**

Assured by your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant & People:* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## **Declaration of Absolution**

*Celebrant:* At every moment, you are held in existence by the love of God; renewed by the Spirit within and among you; and made alive again in Christ. Receive this assurance in Jesus' name: you are forgiven and freed to live for the healing of the world. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in  
heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## **Postlude**

## **November 22, 2020 Announcements & Events**

Please go to weekly E-news for links and more information.

### **Working remotely**

As the impact of the coronavirus continues to increase; and in keeping with recommended best practices - the office will be working remotely for the nearterm. The best way to contact us is through email at [spwmain@gmail.com](mailto:spwmain@gmail.com) We will continue to monitor voicemail. Our [website](#) will have the most up to date information.

### **"Cocoa and Compline"**

*This Sunday the 22nd of November at 5:00 pm, we will still gather around the fire pit, weather permitting, for our first Cocoa and Compline Service. This is an intentionally smaller gathering. We look forward to praying and drinking hot cocoa together in a socially distant and safe manner. Let Rev. Guimond know that you plan to attend! [guimondpl8@gmail.com](mailto:guimondpl8@gmail.com)*

**\*\*Praying in Community by Phone\*\*** Anchored in Christ through prayer, please join Rev. Guimond and Rev. Susan for a new, weekly teleconference to pray our weekly prayers of the people together every Tuesday Morning for 12 minutes of Prayer from 9:00 am to 9:12 am. Please dial this number: 971-224-6601 And the access code is: 662648

**It is Stewardship Season:** Please fill out and return your pledge card or pledge Online ([stperersinthewoods.org](http://stperersinthewoods.org)- Giving tab).

### **Thanksgiving Eve Service November 25<sup>th</sup> @7:30 PM**

You are all kindly invited to attend the Online Thanksgiving Eve Service on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:30 pm to give thanks to God and to magnify God in singing "Great is Thy Faithfulness" at the end of the service. You can join the service through this zoom link

### **Sunday Coffee Hour Zoom @ 11 AM – Virtual fellowship hour**

Join Rev. Susan and your church friends via Zoom this morning at 11. We can "see" each other, check in, share our news and support one another!

### **Thursday Morning Formation on December 3rd @ 8 AM**

Our next Thursday @ 8 am series will begin with a discussion of [Living Buddha, Living Christ](#), by *Thich Nhat Hanh*. We'll discuss the intro and first two chapters for December 3rd.

**There are a few honey jars left.** – Contact the office if interested.